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**9/1/2011**

### **AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT**

**VO: 23**

The U.S. unemployment rate increased in August, according to the Gallup polling company, which surveys approximately 30,000 people each month about their employment status. By Gallup's calculation, unemployment was 8.8 percent at the end of July and rose to 9.1 percent by the end of August. At the end of June, it was 8.7 percent. Gallup's unemployment rate differs slightly from the federal government's. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (the federal agency that calculates the government's official unemployment rate), the unemployment rate was 9.1 percent in July. The BLS is scheduled to report its calculation of the national unemployment for August tomorrow.

### **VIRUS USED TO HELP W/ CANCER TREATMENT**

**VO: 19**

Intravenous viral therapy has been shown to consistently infect tumors without damaging healthy human tissue, according to a clinical trial published in the journal *Nature*. The authors say this is the first trial to test viral therapy on humans with cancer. They added that it is also the first trial to demonstrate tumor-selective expression of a foreign gene after intravenous administration. The clinical study included 23 individuals whose cancer was advanced - it had spread to several organs in the body. The patients had not responded to standard treatments. They were administered a single intravenous infusion of JX-594, a virus at five different levels of dosage. Ten days later biopsies were obtained and examined.

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**9/2/2011**

## **US TO SUE BIG BANKS**

**VO: 23**

The agency that oversees mortgage markets is preparing to file suit against "more than a dozen" big U.S. banks, accusing them of misrepresenting the quality of mortgages they packaged and sold during the housing bubble, the New York Times reported on Thursday. The Federal Housing Finance Agency, which oversees mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, is expected to file suit against Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank, among other banks, the Times reported, citing three unidentified individuals briefed on the matter. The suits stem from subpoenas the finance agency issued to banks last year.

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**9/5/2011**

## **LABOR DAY OBAMA**

**VO: 26**

President Barack Obama is previewing his ideas for job creation and economic growth at a Labor Day rally with union members in Detroit. Obama's speech at the annual event sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO was serving as a dress rehearsal for the jobs address he's delivering to a joint session of Congress on Thursday night. The president's appearance follows last Friday's dismal jobs report, which showed that employers added no jobs in August. It was the first time since 1945 that the government reported a net job change of zero. The unemployment rate, meanwhile, held steady at 9.1 percent. The disappointing report sparked new fears of a second recession and injected fresh urgency into efforts by Obama to

help get millions of unemployed people back into the labor market - and help improve his re-election chances.

## **ECONOMY-UNDEREMPLOYED**

### **VO: 25**

The job market is even worse than the 9.1 percent unemployment rate suggests. America's 14 million unemployed aren't competing just with each other. They must also contend with 8.8 million other people not counted as unemployed - part-timers who want full-time work. When consumer demand picks up, companies will likely boost the hours of their part-timers before they add jobs, economists say. It means they have room to expand without hiring. And the unemployed will face another source of competition once the economy improves: Roughly 2.6 million people who aren't counted as unemployed because they've stopped looking for work. Once they start looking again, they'll be classified as unemployed. And the unemployment rate could rise.

## **POSTAL SERVICE NEARING DEFAULT**

### **VO: 25**

The United States Postal Service has long lived on the financial edge, but it has never been as close to the precipice as it is today: the agency is so low on cash that it will not be able to make a \$5.5 billion payment due this month and may have to shut down entirely this winter unless Congress takes emergency action to stabilize its finances. In recent weeks, Mr. Donahoe has been pushing a series of painful cost-cutting measures to erase the agency's deficit, which will reach \$9.2 billion this fiscal year. Eliminating Saturday mail delivery, closing up to 3,700 postal locations and laying off 120,000 workers - nearly one-fifth of the agency's work force - despite a no-layoffs clause in the unions' contracts. The post office's problems stem from one hard reality: it is being squeezed on both revenue and costs.

## **COFFEE--CAFFEINE BOOST MAY BE IMAGINARY**

## **VO: 32**

This may be hard for coffee drinkers to swallow. The jolt you get from your morning cup of joe may be in your head. A new study gave participants coffee they thought contained caffeine, but it was actually decaf. Even so, researchers noticed an improvement in their performance and mood. Some even did better on mental tests than those who drank caffeinated coffee.

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**9/6/2011**

## **POSTAL PROBLEMS**

### **VO: 25**

The U.S. Postal Service could lose up to \$10 billion and have little more than a week's worth of money left in the bank when its fiscal year ends Sept. 30, the nation's top postmaster will tell Congress Tuesday. Postal officials are hoping the latest numbers will finally compel lawmakers to grant them new legal authority to alter delivery schedules, close post offices and lay off hundreds of thousands of workers. Competing legislative proposals from Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate are pending, and Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe wants lawmakers to vote by month's end, when the Postal Service will have to pay more than \$7 billion in statutory labor and health-care costs that Donahoe says are chiefly responsible for its financial collapse. According to Donahoe, mail volume fell again this year to only 167 billion pieces delivered, down 22 percent from four years ago, partly because Americans are paying bills online and sending electronic invitations instead of paper ones.

## **CONGRESS RETURNS**

### **VO: 26**

Members of Congress spent August listening to constituents describe their economic struggles. This week, the lawmakers return to Washington to see whether there's enough bipartisanship left to make things better. Republicans and Democrats agree that job creation is the first priority, but there's little indication so far that the two sides will come together. President Barack Obama, who will address a joint session of Congress on Thursday, challenged Republicans in a Labor Day speech to put country ahead of party and work with Democrats on a jobs package. He said more than 1 million unemployed construction workers are ready to rebuild deteriorating roads and bridges.

## **OBAMA RATINGS SINK TO NEW LOWS AS HOPE FADES**

**VO: 28**

Public pessimism about the direction of the country has jumped to its highest level in nearly three years, erasing the sense of hope that followed President Obama's inauguration and pushing his approval ratings to a record low, according to a new survey. More than 60 percent of those surveyed say they disapprove of the way the president is handling the economy and, what has become issue No. 1, the stagnant jobs situation. Just 43 percent now approve of the job he is doing overall, a new career low; 53 percent disapprove, a new high. As part of a reinvigorated effort to regain momentum as he heads toward the 2012 election year, Obama traveled to Detroit on Monday for a Labor Day appearance that served as a prelude to his speech Thursday to a joint session of Congress in which he will unveil new proposals to create jobs.

## **FLU VACCINE**

**VO: 34**

There's something new for the flu this year. The first flu shot that works with a tiny needle and a less-scary skin prick is hitting the market this fall, but just for adults and in limited availability. Wider distribution is set for next year. But there's plenty of more traditional vaccine to go around. This year, the vaccine is a duplicate because the three flu strains that sickened people last winter are still circulating. Doctors say it's a good idea to get vaccinated again this year, because it's not clear how much of last year's immunity might be left.

## **CENSUS: LIVING ALONE**

**VO: 24**

Census figures show that Manhattan had a dip in single-person households this past decade, despite being the capital of single living. At the same time, living alone grew nationwide to an unprecedented level, especially in parts of the West and South. Single living always has been celebrated in Manhattan, where 46 percent of households are occupied by just one person. That's the highest rate in the nation. But rising rents and the perception that the borough is a more family friendly place contributed to the decline in Manhattan. Nationwide, the percentage of single-person households in the U.S. is at its highest level -- 27 percent. That shows the nation is catching up with what largely has been a big city trait in years past.

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**9/7/2011**

## **OBAMA JOBS-PACKAGE**

**VO :23**

President Obama is considering a plan totaling an estimated \$300 billion in tax cuts and spending for 2012. The two biggest measures of this possible plan are expected to be a one-year extension of a payroll tax cut for workers and a continuation of unemployment benefits totaling about \$170 billion. The plan is still not finalized and proposals could be changed before the plan is introduced on Thursday night in his address to Congress. The White house is also considering tax incentives for businesses that hire as well as spending for public works projects. This possible package is designed to increase consumer demand and speed up infrastructure construction while spur hiring.

## **DR. JOSE LUIS MOSQUERA**

### **CONSUMER REPORT**

#### **INTERVIEW 3:30**

Doctor Mosquera speaks about the 16% of patients in the United States that cannot pay their medical expenses. He offers advice for people who confront this problem and do not think of themselves as consumers of medical attention. He suggest how to deal with your doctor or hospital. Mosquera bases his information on the latest poll done by consumer reports which measures the health of the economy from the perspective of consumers. Also, he offers examples of situations in which one may not realize the cost of a procedure and how to manage the cost as well as reminding patients to be alert of the offers that may seem to good to be true.

### **AIRPORT SECURITY**

#### **VO :25**

Homeland Security Department Secretary Janet Napolitano predicts that airline passengers will no longer be instructed to remove their shoes in the future at airport checkpoints. According to Napolitano the technology to scan show-wearing passangers for bombs does not yet exist and may not be availabe soon. There is no techonology that meet government standers when it comes to screening shoes for explosives at airports while passengers have shoes on. Officials are not yet able to say for certain if this technology will exist in the future but are working to develop it. Since December 2001, removing shoes at airport checkpoints has been a common complaint among airline passangers.

### **POSTAL SERVICE DEFAULT**

### **MARIUA EUGENIA PAYAN. SATELLITE ROOM**

#### **PKG 2:08**

The post office is running a \$9.2 billion annual deficit and does not have the \$5.5 billion dollars it needs to pay for the retiree health benefits due on September 30. Because of the internet people are sending less conventional mail and more by e-mail which is not only faster but free of cost. Postmaster Patrick Donahoe is pushing painful cost-cutting, an end to Saturday mail delivery, closing 3,700 locations and laying off 120,000 workers.

## **IMMIGRATION-HISPANIC OFFENDERS**

### **VO :23**

A new government report released Tuesday shows that more than half of all people sentenced to serve time in federal prison for committing felonies are Hispanic, a demographic shift swollen by immigration offenses. Hispanics outnumber all other ethnic groups sent to prison for committing federal felonies. Now, for the first time Hispanics comprised 50.3% of all federal offenders in the first nine months of this fiscal year. Last year Hispanics merely made just 16% of the total country's population. Immigration crimes including illegal crossing as well as alien smuggling, accounted for most of the increase in the number of Hispanics sent to prison over the past decade.

## **ONT:ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS/PREGNANCY RISKS**

### **VO :24**

A new study done in Canada finds that taking anti-inflammatory painkillers could put a woman at increased risk for miscarriage. Non steriod anti inflamittory drugs like Ibuprfen or Naproxen can increase the risk of miscarriages. The study included all prengancies in Quebec and compared the drug use of woman who had miscarriages with the drug use of women who did not. Women with confirmed pregnancies have a 15% risk of a miscarriage but the risk doubled to more than 30% for those women who took anti inflammatory drugs. The study only looked at pain killers that were prescribed to the women, it did not account for drugs bought over the counter. Experts agree that tylenol is the safest choise and those who take advil, motrin, aleve and or celecoxib-celebrex should be careful since they increase the risk of a mishappening.



## **FOOD STAMPS CONCERN**

**VO :23**

Dieticians in Springfield, MO are concerned about government potentially allowing fast food restaurants to accept food stamps. Nearly 450,000 people in Missouri rely on food stamps to survive and the federal government has strict regulations on how that money can be spent. Residents of the state can no longer buy precooked food with their stamps and some fast food restaurants are looking to ease that restriction. Already in Florida, California, Arizona and Michigan restaurants accept food stamps as payment. Grocery stores, farmer's markets, convenience and dollar discount locations, gas stations and pharmacies in the state do not accept food stamps.

## **FEWER AMERICANS ARE SMOKING**

**VO :20**

Fewer adults in the U.S are smoking cigarettes. The C.D.C found that the number of people who smoke up to 30 or more times a day dropped significantly between 2005 and 2010, from 13% to 8%. About 3 million people stopped smoking during that five year period. The report says clean air laws, cigarette tax increases and other societal pressures have made smokers work harder for their nicotine fix even though one in five adults still smoke.

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**09/08/2011**

**"IMMIGRATION DETAINERS"**

**PAULA GOMEZ. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **PKG 2:05**

An ordinance will be introduced today that ends the unfunded mandate called "IMMIGRATION DETAINERS", put forth by the Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) agency. The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) and allies from Legal, Labor, Faith, and Immigrant organizations will hold a press conference afterwards to support the Commissioners.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

### **VO :30**

The number of people seeking unemployment benefits ticked up slightly last week, evidence that the job market isn't improving. The Labor Department says weekly applications for unemployment benefits rose 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 414,000. The report suggests companies aren't significantly increasing layoffs, despite weak economic growth. But it also signals that little hiring is taking place. Applications need to fall below 375,000 to indicate sustainable job growth. They haven't been below that level since February.

## **BANK OF AMERICA/CLOSING UP TO 600 BRANCHES**

### **VO :29**

A shakeup at Bank of America. The company is splitting itself into two units... consumer and commercial. That means-- as many as 600 branches will be shut down. Industry analysts say Chief Executive Brian Moynihan's moves signal that broader and deeper layoffs than those previously announced by the bank could be imminent. The bank's shares are down 44-percent this year.

## **DUI INVOLVING LATINOS**

## **NORMA ROQUE. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

### **PKG 1:52**

According to a recent report, the number of DUI's involving Latino Drivers has increased. Immigration Advocate organizations such as CHIRLA are alerting the community, and immigrants without legal residency about the risks involved if they get a DUI. Not only will their car get impounded and they may now also face loss of employment and in some cases deportation.

## **CANCER-PREVENTABLE**

**VO :25**

Healthier lifestyles and better diets could prevent up to 2.8 million cases of cancer each year, the World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) said on Wednesday, calling on governments to "avoid a public health disaster". The number of global cancers has increased by a fifth in less than a decade to around 12 million new cases a year, and along with other chronic diseases like heart and lung disease and diabetes are the world's biggest health challenges, the Fund said. In a report released two weeks before a United Nations summit on non-communicable diseases (NCDs), the charity said political leaders had a "once in a generation" opportunity to tackle a wave of cancer and other lifestyle diseases

## **KIDS MISS MORE SCHOOL WHEN PARENTS SMOKE**

**VO :22**

Children whose parents smoke tend to miss more school than their classmates with non-smoking parents -- possibly because of a higher rate of respiratory infections, a new study suggests. Researchers found that among nearly 3,100 families in a national survey, children who lived with smokers missed an extra day out of the school year, on average.

## **"SLEEP DEBT" TIED TO ATTENTION TROUBLE IN TEENS**

**VO :20**

High school students who catch up on sleep over the weekend do worse on attention tests in school than kids who don't get extra shuteye, according to a new study from South Korea. Researchers say the findings suggest "sleep debt" accumulated during the week might be taxing the teens' intellectual resources

## **DRINK A DAY LINKED TO HEALTHY AGING IN WOMEN**

**VO :27**

Drinking alcohol in moderation may actually be good for you. A new study by Harvard researchers shows middle-aged women who drink an average of three to 15 alcoholic drinks per week have higher odds of being healthy later in life. That's compared to non-drinkers and heavy drinkers. Still, researchers say that doesn't mean non-drinkers should pick up the bottle. They say other healthy habits, such as exercising regularly, are more important to overall health.

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**09/09/2011**

## **OFFICIALS CHASE UNCONFIRMED AL-QAIDA BOMB THREAT**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK, NY**

**PKG 2:00**

Just days before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. counterterrorism officials were chasing a credible but unconfirmed al-Qaida threat to use a car bomb on bridges or tunnels in New York City or Washington. Counterterrorism officials were investigating the threat throughout the night and into Friday, as police in New York and Washington said they would increase their already stepped-up staffing levels in light of the recent intelligence.

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**09/12/2011**

## **OBAMA SENDING JOBS BILL TO CONGRESS**

**VO: 25**

This week President Obama will begin to concentrate on his new employment plan. He will also travel to Ohio and North Carolina looking for financial support for the 447 million dollars needed for the plan. A source from the white house says that the president will send out his plan today to congress which contemplates incentives for companies that need more jobs.

## **FLIGHTS ESCORTED**

**VO: 40**

After three passengers made various trips to the bathroom, two airforce airplanes escorted an American Airlines commercial flight from Los Angeles to New York. Once landing in John F. Kennedy Airport authorities said that they do not think any of the action was accounted with terrorist attacks. Passengers were interrogated but no arrest were made.

## **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE**

**VO: 20**

According to a poll done by CNN, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney and Sarah Palin, candidates for presidency in 2012 take the lead for favorites in the Republican party. In that same poll Perry is in the lead with a 30% likeable rate, Romney with 18% and Paulin at 15%.

## **ONE OF EVERY 7 CARS DOES NOT HAVE INSURANCE**

**VO: 20**

According to a study conducted by a non-governmental organization, drivers in the United States do not count on having car insurance. The investigation also signals that the lack of car insurance has gone up because of the financial crisis that is affecting the country. Car insurance is mandatory in every state except for New Hampshire.

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**9/13/2011**

## **REPUBLICANS DEBATE**

**TIFANI ROBERTS/TAMPA, FL**

**PKG :2:25**

Texas Gov. Rick Perry says a massive fence along the U.S.-Mexican border isn't the answer to the nation's immigration challenges and instead says Washington should send thousands of border agents and National Guard to patrol the area. Perry faced tough immigration questions during Monday's Republican presidential debate. Perry says Texas offered incentives for illegal immigrants to contribute to their communities, including in-state tuition rates for those who wanted to pursue higher education. His rivals seized on his record, saying Perry was rewarding illegal behavior. Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota says taxpayer dollars shouldn't pay for benefits for those who have broken U.S. laws. Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman says Perry's position on the border fence is "treasonous." Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney adds that immigrants don't want government hand-outs.

## **E-COLI TESTING**

**VO: 22**

The government is expanding its testing of E. coli in meat, a move that will hasten recalls and help authorities identify more foodborne illnesses. The meat industry has been required for 17 years to test for the common O157:H7 strain of the pathogen. Now it will test for six more. These other strains of E. coli have increasingly been found in food in recent years, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says other strains cause an estimated 110,000 illnesses annually. Food safety advocates and meat industry representatives briefed on the decision say the meat companies will begin testing for six additional strains of E. coli in beef trimmings parts of the cow that end up in ground beef -- in March and may later expand to other meats.

## **DREAM ACT**

**SANTIAGO LUCERO/SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 2:15**

Students from all over California are gathering at the capitol to gather to rally and support AB131 which is the second part of the California dream act, speaking with students and legislators.

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**9/14/11**

## **AGING AMERICA**

**VO: 25**

Dementia is poised to become a defining disease of the rapidly aging population -- and a budget-busting one for Medicare, Medicaid and families. Now the Obama administration is developing the first National Alzheimer's Plan, to combine research aimed at fighting the mind-destroying disease with help that caregivers need to stay afloat. "This is a unique opportunity, maybe an opportunity of a lifetime in a sense, to really have an impact on this disease," says Dr. Ronald Petersen of the Mayo Clinic, who chairs a committee that later this month begins advising the government on what that plan should include. An estimated 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's or similar dementias. It's the sixth-leading killer. There is no cure; treatments only temporarily ease some symptoms. Barring a research breakthrough, those numbers will worsen steadily as the baby boomers gray: By 2050, anywhere from 13 million to 16 million Americans are projected to have Alzheimer's, costing a \$1 trillion in medical and nursing home expenditures.

## **GLOBAL DIABETES**

**VO: 25**

An estimated 366 million people worldwide now suffer from diabetes and the global epidemic is getting worse, health officials said Tuesday. The International Diabetes Federation described the number of cases as "staggering," with one person dying from diabetes every seven seconds. The figures were announced in Lisbon, Portugal, during the group's European meeting.

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**9/15/11**

## **OBAMA-JOBS-HISPANICS**

**VO: 30**



President Barack Obama is promoting his new, \$447 billion jobs plan to Hispanic members of Congress. He says it will help Latino workers and businessmen by lowering their taxes, spending on public works projects and protecting teachers against layoffs. The president made his pitch Wednesday during the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's 34th Annual Awards Gala. The event is part of Hispanic Heritage Month. The White House says the jobs proposal would lower payroll taxes for about 25 million Hispanic workers and about 250,000 Hispanic-owned businesses.

## **USA-POSTAL/DELAY**

**VO:33**

A group of Democratic lawmakers introduced legislation Monday that would allow the cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service to delay for 90 days a massive upcoming payment for retiree health benefits. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe has said the mail agency will default on the \$5.5 billion payment, due at the end of September. The Obama administration wants Congress to extend the due date while it crafts an agency overhaul, an official told lawmakers last week.

## **FORECLOSURE RATES**

**VO:23**

More homeowners who've fallen behind on their mortgage payments have been getting that first default notice from the bank. The firm RealtyTrac says the number of U.S. homes that received an initial foreclosure notice in August went up 33 percent from the month before. The increase is a nine-month high and the biggest monthly gain in four years. The spike signals that banks are starting to take swifter action against homeowners, nearly a year after processing issues led to a sharp slowdown in foreclosures.

## **REPORT ON HOSPITALS**

## **VO: 39 &INTERVIEW DEBRA PEREZ SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER FROM THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION**

**WASHINGTON, DC TIME:4:00**

In the latest advance for health care accountability, the country's leading hospital accreditation board, the Joint Commission, released a list on Tuesday of 405 medical centers that have been the most diligent in following protocols to treat conditions like heart attack and pneumonia. Almost without exception, most highly regarded hospitals in the United States, from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., did not make the list. The report found that hospital performance nationwide continued to improve steadily in 2010 on a variety of measures and is now at high levels. Assessing more than 12 million treatment actions, like whether heart attack patients are given aspirin upon admission or surgical patients receive antibiotics within an hour, the commission found that hospitals followed standards 97 percent of the time. That is up from 82 percent in 2002. In addition, more than nine in 10 hospitals had composite compliance scores of at least 90 percent, more than four times the figure of nine years ago. But with evidence-based ratings gaining prevalence, and a strengthening link between quality and payment, the Joint Commission report raised questions about how consumers should best use the data newly available to them. Increasingly, one component of that inquiry may be whether hospital reputations are deserved or mythologized.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT JUMPED**

**VO: 20**

The number of people applying for unemployment benefits jumped last week to the highest level in three months. It's a sign that the job market remains depressed. The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly applications rose by 11,000 to a seasonally adjusted 428,000. The week included the Labor Day holiday. Applications typically drop during short work weeks. In this case, applications didn't drop as much as the department expected, so the seasonally adjusted value rose. A Labor spokesman said the total wasn't affected by Hurricane Irene.

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